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MAN CHARGED WITH FEDERAL METH CRIMES

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that DANIEL GALLANT, 32, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, was indicted late yesterday by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis charging two counts of distribution of methamphetamine, one count of possession with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of methamphetamine and one count of carrying a loaded firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, following an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Indianapolis Police Department and the Anderson Police Department.

GALLANT was arrested on July 19, 2004 outside an Anderson hotel when law enforcement officers, attempting to assist GALLANT, observed that GALLANT seemed to be

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under the influence of narcotics. According to the indictment a search of the hotel room in which GALLANT was staying and his automobile occurred, and law enforcement officers uncovered large quantities of narcotics and a loaded handgun.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Melanie C. Conour, who is prosecuting the case for the government, GALLANT faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 40 years and a maximum possible fine of \$2,000,000 for distribution of methamphetamine, a maximum possible prison sentence of life imprisonment and a maximum possible fine of \$4,000,000 for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, and a maximum possible sentence of 5 years consecutive to any drug-related sentence and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 for carrying a loaded firearm. An initial hearing will be scheduled for in the near future before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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